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Protesta masiva en contra de una alta presencia de ICE en Detroit

Los miembros de la comunidad de toda el área metropolitana de Detroit, se unieron el martes 4 de marzo, para marchar contra los inaceptables ataques en la comunidad por parte del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) y la Patrulla Fronteriza de los Estados Unidos.

La protesta, que inició en Clark Park en el suroeste de Detroit, fue encabezada por la Asamblea Popular, una organización de base, de activistas y miembros de la comunidad con sede en Detroit, que se han unido para demandar: sacar a ICE de los vecindarios de Detroit.

La Asamblea Popular representa una amplia coalición de grupos interesados en proteger a sus vecinos inmigrantes.

Desde la publicación federal exigiendo una mayor aplicación de la ley por parte de ICE en comunidades de todo Estados Unidos, los residentes inmigrantes en este país se han visto obligados a vivir con el temor de ser separados de su familia y su comunidad.

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Hundreds Gather in Mass Protest Against Heightened ICE Presence in Detroit

Community members across the Detroit metro area came together on Tuesday, March 4 to march against the unacceptable U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol attacks in our community.

Daniel Mata, 18, left, waves a Mexican flag Tuesday, March 4 during a protest at Clark Park. Mata is a junior at Covenant High School Southwest. Photo by Dustin Blitchok/Planet Detroit

The protest, which gathered in Clark Park in Southwest Detroit, was spearheaded by the People's Assembly, a new grassroots collective of Detroit-based activists and community members who have come together with one core demand: get ICE out of our Detroit neighborhoods.

The People's Assembly represents a broad coalition of groups invested in protecting our immigrant neighbors.

Since the release of the federal directive for heightened ICE enforcement in communities across the United States, immigrant residents in this country have been forced to live in fear of being separated from their families and communities.

The Detroit-based People's Assembly, which has organized in opposition to these attacks, is demanding that ICE and Border Patrol be removed from our neighborhoods.

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Según compañeros y amigos, el nuevo arzobispo de Detroit es un líder accesible que sabe escuchar

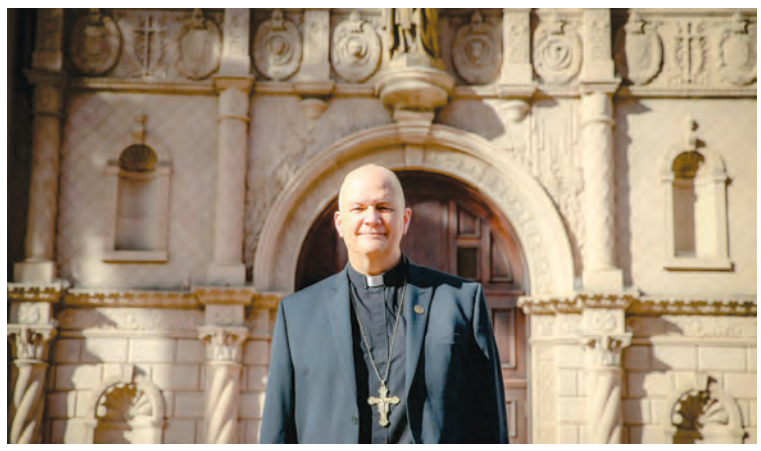
Por Daniel Meloy | Reimpreso de *Detroit Catholic*. | Fotos cortesía de la Diócesis de Tucson

Sacerdotes, obispos y líderes laicos de todo el suroeste dan testimonio del enfoque sinodal del Arzobispo designado Edward J. Weisenburger para guiar a la Iglesia en Tucson, Arizona.

El Arzobispo designado Weisenburger se caracteriza por construir relaciones con diferentes comunidades de fe, colaborar con otros obispos católicos en las prioridades pastorales relacionadas con el bien común y el cuidado de los más necesitados, y escuchar atentamente a sacerdotes, líderes laicos y expertos mientras discierne el bien de la Iglesia.

El 11 de febrero, el Papa Francisco nombró al Arzobispo designado Weisenburger, quien ha servido como obispo de Tucson desde 2017, como el sexto arzobispo de Detroit. Su instalación será el 18 de marzo.

El futuro guía de Detroit es conocido como un líder que escucha, empatiza con la gente y explica las razones de sus decisiones, dijo el Arzobispo John C. Wester de Santa Fe, Nuevo México, metropolitano de la provincia eclesiástica de Santa Fe, que incluye la Diócesis de Tucson.



Archbishop-designate Edward J. Weisenburger stands before St. Augustine Cathedral in Tucson, Arizona. / El Arzobispo designado Edward J. Weisenburger posa ante la St. Augustine Cathedral en Tucson, Arizona.

"El estilo del Arzobispo Weisenburger está alineado con la visión sinodal del Papa Francisco para la Iglesia", dijo el Arzobispo Wester a *Detroit Catholic* en una entrevista telefónica. "El Arzobispo Weisenburger siempre quiere saber lo que opinan las personas, los sacerdotes, los diáconos y sus esposas, los religiosos y los fieles laicos. Él los escucha, valora sus aportaciones y discierne lo que el Espíritu Santo quiere decir".

Cuando los obispos del suroeste se reúnen para

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Detroit's New Archbishop a Caring Leader Who Listens, Coworkers and Friends Say

By Daniel Meloy | Reprinted from *Detroit Catholic* | Photos courtesy of the Diocese of Tucson

Priests, bishops and lay leaders across the Southwest attest to Archbishop-designate Edward J. Weisenburger's synodal approach to leading the Church in Tucson, Arizona.

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger has a history of building relationships with diverse faith communities, collaborating with other Catholic bishops on pastoral priorities related to the common good and care for the vulnerable, and intently listening to priests, lay leaders and experts while discerning the good of the Church.

On Feb. 11, Pope Francis appointed Archbishop-designate Weisenburger, who has served as Tucson's bishop since 2017, as Detroit's sixth archbishop. He will be installed on March 18.

Detroit's future shepherd is known as a leader who listens, empathizes with people and communicates the reasoning behind his decisions, said Archbishop John C. Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico, the metropolitan of the Santa Fe ecclesiastical province, which includes the Diocese of Tucson.

"Archbishop Weisenburger's style kind of coincides nicely to Pope Francis' synodal vision for the Church," Archbishop Wester told *Detroit Catholic* in a phone interview. "Archbishop Weisenburger always wants

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City of Detroit Outlines 7-point Plan to Improve Detroit's Emergency Homelessness Response System

A new City of Detroit report has been delivered that summarizes the circumstances leading up to the deaths of Darnell Currie Jr. and A'Millah Williams Currie and proposes a 7-point plan to improve the city's emergency response to Detroiters living on the streets. Mayor Duggan indicated that he has accepted the report and will begin immediately to implement the plan as proposed.

The report detailed how the City created a new "Immediate Shelter" housing plan that went into effect on December 16, 2024, for those living on Detroit's streets. It also analyzed why the Williams/Currie family were unaware of the Immediate Shelter system and how the system failed to reach out to them as they were staying in a van in casino parking structures.

"We must make changes so no Detroit family ever again suffers a tragedy like this," Howard said. The plan focuses on significantly expanded access to shelter beds and supportive services - with priority given to families with children facing homelessness - as well as expanded street outreach.

"It is not enough to have services if those most in need don't know they exist. We must implement these 7 steps to make sure every Detroiter in need of emergency shelter knows there is a place for them and that they can access it," Schneider said.

Seven-point plan

In order to do everything possible to reach every unsheltered person in need of emergency shelter, Mayor Duggan indicated that the report's 7 Point Plan would be implemented immediately:

1. **Require Site Visits for All Families with Minor Children**. Site visits by outreach workers will be automatically required when CAM receives calls from families with minors facing imminent shelter loss. 76% of all CAM calls come from individuals who have shelter at the time of the call, making it difficult for CAM call center workers to determine the full situation from that initial intake phone call. HRD will now order an on-site visit by the street outreach team for any family with minor children who report they fear imminent loss of housing.
2. **Give Special Attention to Finding Families in Vehicles**. The Detroit Police and 24-hour outreach teams will extend their focus to seeking out families living in vehicles. Chief Bettison is directing DPD to pay special attention to parking garages and other locations where people may be sleeping in their cars. Police will then connect with Street Outreach teams to get people to a safe place for the night. Outreach teams have also increased their attention to parked vehicles. Any member of the community who is aware of unsheltered individuals living in a vehicle can help by calling 866-313-2520.
3. **Expand HelpLine to 24 Hours**. 24-hour outreach telephone assistance for the unsheltered has been added and is now available. The Detroit Housing Resource HelpLine and CAM share a common entry point through the 866-313-2520 phone number but had operated only during traditional business hours. HRD has now added a nighttime response to that line so that those calling the HelpLine and CAM can get a line directly to outreach teams after business hours who will provide connections to shelter for those who are unsheltered.
4. **Double Number of Drop-In Beds**. The number of drop-in center beds for the Immediate Shelter system will be doubled from 110 to 220 within 90 days. No one has been turned away for lack of space since the Winter 2025 Immediate Shelter system went into effect according to records, but HRD is anticipating that the extended outreach to those living in vehicles and the publicity of the new system will increase demand.
5. **Expand Night Outreach Teams**. The City had been operating with two outreach teams on day and afternoon shifts and one outreach team on the midnight shift. An additional outreach team has been added from 6 PM to 2 AM to provide more complete around-the-clock coverage when it is most needed.
6. **Continue Successful Use of Police Precincts as Havens for Safety & Referrals**. Since the Mayor's announcement two weeks ago that anyone with a shelter emergency can go to their police precincts, 25 individuals have already sought and gotten help at one of the 12 precincts. An additional 61 households were transported to shelter via DPD interaction in the community. The high degree of trust the community is showing in DPD will continue to be an important asset in preventing harm to unsheltered residents.
7. **Expand Street Outreach & Education.** Many unsheltered individuals are not getting updated information from traditional news and social media outlets. HRD will expand communication efforts to make resource information available at places that people may frequent when in a housing crisis such as bus stops and gas stations.

The report also examined the history of contact with Tateona Williams prior to the loss of her children and can be found on the City's website by scanning the QR code below

On February 26, Deputy Mayor Howard helped Ms. Williams and her family move into a fully furnished single family home provided by Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries director, Dr. Chad Audi, who said the family can live there for the next year at no cost.

Site Visits Required for Families with Children

Outreach workers will visit families with minors facing imminent danger of being homeless.

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Double Number of Drop-In Beds

Drop-in shelter beds for immediate shelter will be doubled.

New Campaign Raises Banner on the Importance of Immigration to Michigan

Amidst shifting federal immigration policies, backers of "smart immigration policy" highlight positive impact on state's economy and population growth

Businesses and People for Immigration, a new advocacy campaign launched on January 15, 2025, is raising the banner on the critical role that immigration plays in driving Michigan's population and economic success.

With more than 340 signatories, including the Detroit and Grand Rapids Chambers of Commerce, business leaders, local economic development organizations, businesses and concerned individual who understand that immigration is pivotal to Michigan's economic viability, now and in the future. As the expanse of anti-immigrant policies of the new administration begins to take effect and public concerns mount, the urgency around smart immigration policy has never been more dire.

"Immigration is an absolutely critical component to our regional, state and national economies," stated Sandy Baruah, president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Regional Chamber. "Nations and regions that are not growing in population shrink in their economic prosperity and competitiveness. Michigan, in particular, faces a population challenge and with the state and national trend of fewer births, we must rely upon immigration — from both other parts of the nation and other parts of the world — to fuel our key industries such as technology, health sciences and mobility."

The campaign, which can be viewed at www.forimmigration.biz, asks supporters to sign a pledge that calls for "smart immigration policy" that will create "a strong, effective and welcoming federal and state immigration system that offers freedom, opportunity, and security to immigrants whose talent, hard work, and entrepreneurship help us build a more prosperous America, and stronger Michigan."

"Michigan is a national leader in developing strategies, policies, programs and practices that leverage immigrant contributions to foster economic growth and shared prosperity," noted Steve Tobocman, executive director of Global Detroit, the principal architect of the campaign. "There are too many false narratives about immigrants and immigration that are clouding the facts and leading to harmful public policies and business decisions. We can't afford to get this issue wrong."

Immigration has been the source of all of Michigan's population growth over the last 25 years. In the absence of immigration, Michigan would have about 100,000 fewer residents today than in 2020. Rick Baker, President and CEO of the Grand Rapids Chamber, affirmed that "Talent and population growth are top issues for business, and simply put, the numbers don't lie. Immigration is a critical source to our state's economic prosperity and our future growth."

Since its debut on January 15, the pledge has attracted an array of signers, including chambers across the state (Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids and Traverse City), economic development organizations in the Upper Peninsula (Invest UP), talent attraction initiatives in northern Michigan (Michigan's Creative Coast) and in the IT industry (Digital Lakes), retailers in Detroit (Canine to Five and Good Cakes and Bakes), as well as one of Southeast Michigan's most well-known general contracting companies, J.C. Beal Construction.

Immigrants made up 6.9% of the Michigan's total population but 8.4% of its working age population and employed labor force. Immigrants are 24.1% more likely to be of working age than their U.S.-born counterparts. "Our country should be open to accept immigrants from other countries for all of the benefits they bring and should encourage the creation of legal means to accept far more individuals than now accepted," stated Fred Beal, president of J.C. Beal Construction, a Michigan-based construction firm founded more than 60 years ago specializing in downtown renovation projects with offices in Detroit and Ypsilanti. "Immigrants are disproportionately represented in construction jobs and as owners of construction firms. As Michigan's downtowns are rejuvenated and we seek to build more housing to address our housing crisis, ensuring a robust immigration system that accommodates legal migration is critical."

Immigrants comprised 18.6% of Michigan workers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields in 2022 and Michigan is home to more than 38,000 international students, or eighth-most among the 50 states. These students contribute $1.455 billion annually to the Michigan economy through spending on tuition, rent, food, entertainment, goods, and services. "Immigrants are a critical component of any entrepreneurial talent recruitment and retention initiative," noted Jim Baker, Senior Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation, Michigan Technological University. "They are proven leaders in the entrepreneurial community and essential team members of high-growth companies throughout the country."

The campaign cites a number of facts and studies that illustrate immigration's extraordinary benefit to Michigan, in areas including population growth, economic and tax contributions, talent and workforce, STEM and entrepreneurship. In 2022, immigrants in Michigan earned $31.3 billion, contributed $67.8 billion to the state's gross domestic product (about 9.9%), paying $5.5 billion to federal taxes and $2.6 billion to state and local taxes. 46,200 immigrants in Michigan are entrepreneurs. Their businesses produced $1.4 billion in business income in 2022.

The campaign's founding sponsor is Global Detroit, an immigrant inclusive economic and community development organization. Interested companies, organizations, and individuals can show their support and get involved by visiting forimmigration.biz. Further media assets and interviews are available.

Our Pledge

Immigrants are essential contributors to job creation, economic growth, and prosperity in every part of Michigan.

We support smart immigration policy – an effective and welcoming federal immigration system that offers freedom, opportunity, and security to immigrants whose talent, hard work, and entrepreneurship help us build a more prosperous America, and stronger Michigan.

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The Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge Broadens Pathways to Higher Education for Detroiters

When she graduated from Cass Tech, Detroit native Lauren Patterson was determined to pay whatever was necessary to become the first woman in her family to earn a college degree.

To her surprise, tuition and fees to Wayne State University would not be among those costs.

Instead, Patterson, a sophomore, attends WSU as one of hundreds of students who were accepted into the university's groundbreaking Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge program, which allows eligible students to enjoy zero out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees.

"Most of my aunties and my mom went to college, but they didn't get the chance to complete it," Patterson said. "When I graduated from high school, I said I was going to Wayne State, and I was going to do what was necessary, even if it meant taking out loans, to get an education. But the Heart of Detroit program offset the tuition, and it has made going to school so much easier. I've lived in Detroit all my life, and this is a nice incentive to stay home."

Announced in 2019 and launched in fall 2020, the Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge is open to current Detroit high school students and to Detroit residents earning a high school diploma. The pledge covers tuition and standard fees for up to four years of full-time study.

Now in its fifth year, Heart of Detroit has proven to be equal parts pathway to higher education for city students and a bridge over many financial hurdles that have traditionally deterred countless Detroiters from attending or finishing college.

"The Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge is a showcase of our significant commitment to Detroit and its residents," said Charles Cotton III, vice provost for strategic enrollment management. "While we're an institution with a global reach, it's equally important that we don't lose that sense of support for those in our immediate backyard, the community in which we are deeply ingrained as far as research, scholarship, internships and economic development. The tuition pledge allows us to educate those who reside in this area."

The program underscores the power of cost-saving measures to open doors. For the 2024-25 school year, there are 1,740 participants in the Heart of Detroit program, including 565 students infall 2024. Meanwhile, 217 Heart of Detroit students have already graduated from WSU, and another 152 have applied for graduation for the winter 2025 semester. More broadly, Heart of Detroit and other programs have been successful enough that 60% of WSU's first-year undergraduate students the last two years have attended the university tuition free. Heart of Detroit is also instrumental to encouraging graduates to remain in the area and invest their education and skills locally.

"There have been statistics tracking higher education for quite some time that talk about the secondary benefit of an institution that produces scholars who elect to reside within a short radius or within that same state in which they received that degree," Cotton explained. "That could include local students or talent that we bring from out of state. It's equally important that we do our part to continue producing talent that has a higher statistical chance of staying in Detroit upon completion of a degree.

Cotton praised the university for its effort to keep tuition low for students across the board — "Wayne State has done an amazing job of mitigating cost increases," he said — but conceded that, in today's climate, the costs still pose a challenge for many.

However, he noted that, unlike some other investments, a degree pays for itself and — then some — in the long run: "Some of the things we invest in are depreciating assets. The collegiate education you receive is an appreciating asset, and we see that when looking into lifelong earning potential."

The data backs this up; the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that someone with a bachelor's stands to earn more than $1 million more in their lifetime than someone without a degree.

For students like Lauren Patterson, however, a government report isn't necessary to grasp the value of higher education.

"A degree certifies that you can be disciplined, that you can sit down and think critically," she said. "You get skills you wouldn't be able to just pick up anywhere else in the real world. You get work experiences and social experiences that you wouldn't have. I wake up every day to go to class, enrich myself and be in a setting with likeminded people. I want a degree behind my name."

Detroit students celebrate the announcement of the Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge during its 2019 rollout

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Hundreds Gather in Mass Protest

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The Assembly supports pathways to legal status for all immigrants.

Tuesday's march and rally featured passionate remarks from community members followed by a march through the streets. Information about community resources and services was also distributed to residents.

Editor's Note: The protest against ICE was held just as this issue was going to press. For a detailed account of the protest and messages communicated by advocates and community members, go to www.elcentralmedia.com or www.facebook.com/elcentralmedia

Protesta masiva

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La Asamblea Popular con sede en Detroit, que se ha organizado en oposición a estos ataques, exige que ICE y la Patrulla Fronteriza sean retirados de su vecindario. La Asamblea apoya vías para que todos los inmigrantes puedan obtener un estatus legal.

La manifestación del martes contó con exposiciones apasionadas de miembros de la comunidad, seguidas de una marcha por las calles. También se distribuyó a los residentes información sobre los recursos y servicios de la comunidad.

Nota del editor: La protesta contra el ICE se llevó a cabo justo cuando se iba a imprimir este número. Para obtener un relato detallado de la protesta y los mensajes comunicados por los defensores y miembros de la comunidad, visite www.elcentralmedia.com o www.facebook.com/elcentralmedia

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There's Still Time to Apply for the 2025 NALAC Leadership Institute!

The deadline to apply for the 2025 NALAC Leadership Institute (NLI) has been extended! Please submit your application before Monday, March 10, 2025, 11:59 PM. CST.

The NALAC Leadership Institute (NLI) is a week-long fellowship that brings non-profit arts administrators and cultural workers together from across the nation for intensive training in leadership and management capacity. Selected fellows will engage in a week-long institute of learning sessions and workshops developed to facilitate professional leadership growth and managerial development. The 2025 NLI will take place from July 20 – 27, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas.

Participation in the NALAC Leadership Institute (NLI) is open to Latinx/é non-profit arts administrators and/or cultural workers based in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Alumni of the NALAC Advocacy Leadership Institute (ALI) and Intercultural Leadership Institute (ILI) are encouraged to apply!

Interested applicants can view a list of support resources on the NLI webpage, which includes a pre-recorded presentation that provides an overview of the NLI program and a step-by-step walk-through of the application process.

Review the guidelines for the 2025 NALAC Leadership Institute (NLI).

New Earned Sick Time Act & Minimum Wage Laws Explained

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO) recent hosted a webinar to help businesses understand recent changes to Michigan's minimum wage and earned sick time laws and how the new laws will affect workers and businesses. The key points to both laws are outlined below.

Senate Bill 8 will incrementally increase the minimum wage to $15 per hour by 2027. House Bill 4002 amends the existing Earned Sick Time Act and will expand paid sick leave.

Key Points for Earned Sick Time

- **Frontloading Paid Sick Time**: As an alternative to the accrual method, employers can choose to frontload at least 72 hours of paid sick time for immediate use each year, or 40 for a small business, which eliminates the requirement for carryover or accrual tracking for full-time employees.
- **Frontloading Part-time Employees**: As an alternative to the accrual method, employers may frontload paid sick time for part-time employees as well, with a prorated amount, subject to specific notice and true-up requirements.
- **Accrual Method**: If choosing the accrual method, employees accrue 1 hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, and unused paid sick time rolls over up to 72 hours. Employers may limit the use of earned sick time to 72 hours, or 40 for a small business, in the 12-month period.
- **New Hire Waiting Period**: If using the accrual method, employers may have a policy for new employees hired on or after 2/21/25 requiring these employees to wait up to 120 days before using accrued sick time. Employees accrue earned sick time during this waiting period. If frontloading, hours are available for immediate use.
- **Small Business Compliance**: Small business is defined as an employer having 10 or fewer employees. Small businesses have until October 1, 2025, to comply with ESTA requirements.
- **PTO Policy**: Employers can use a combined paid time off (PTO) policy to meet ESTA requirements, as long as the total paid leave meets or exceeds the necessary amounts and may be used for the same purposes.
- **Hourly Rate**: For ESTA purposes, an employee's hourly rate is their normal hourly wage or base rate and excludes overtime, holiday pay, bonuses, commissions, tips, etc.
- **Enforcement**: The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) is responsible for enforcing ESTA.
- **Sick Time Increments**: Employers may choose to use either one-hour increments or the smallest increment for tracking sick time usage.

Key Points for Minimum Wage

- **Tipped minimum wage**: Senate Bill 8 gradually increases the minimum cash wage for tipped employees from 38% of the full minimum wage to 50% of the regular minimum wage by 2031.
- **Wage changes**: Tipped minimum wage is $4.74 for the rest of 2025.
- **Regular minimum wage**: Senate Bill 8 keeps the minimum wage to $12.48 starting Feb. 21, reaching $15 by 2027, and adjusts for inflation after that.

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Sacerdotes y líderes laicos destacan el estilo colaborativo y humano del Arzobispo designado Weisenburger en la toma de decisiones

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analizar las prioridades de la Iglesia, en particular la difícil situación de los migrantes e inmigrantes que cruzan la frontera entre EE.UU. y México y el trabajo de diversas organizaciones católicas para dar refugio a los inmigrantes, el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger cree que es importante enmarcar la posición de la Iglesia en el cuidado de los vulnerables que proclama el Evangelio, dijo el Arzobispo Wester.

"En nuestras reuniones, está muy claro que le preocupa la unidad", dijo el Arzobispo Wester. "Siempre ha sido una prioridad para él, el hecho de que la gente se una y derribe los muros de la división. Cuando surgían problemas en la provincia o en la Iglesia de Estados Unidos, él siempre trataba de resolverlos trabajando y ayudando a los demás para fortalecer el sentido de comunidad".

Un líder que escucha

Cuando el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger llegó a la Diócesis de Tucson después de haber servido previamente como obispo de Salina, Kansas, de 2012 a 2017, no conocía a nadie allí. Sin embargo, enseguida se puso a trabajar para conocer a sus sacerdotes y a los diversos líderes de la Iglesia en Arizona, dijo el Obispo Emérito Gerald F. Kicanas de Tucson, predecesor del Arzobispo designado Weisenburger, quien todavía vive en Tucson.

El Obispo Kicanas espera que pase lo mismo cuando llegue a Detroit.

"Es una persona que realmente quiere establecer relaciones positivas con sus sacerdotes", dijo el Obispo Kicanas. "Está muy atento a los sacerdotes de aquí, especialmente a los que están atravesando dificultades o enfrentando un reto, ya sea una enfermedad o cualquier otra cosa. Está muy presente, se interesa y preocupa por ellos. Ve a sus hermanos sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y laicos como compañeros de trabajo. No toma decisiones de manera unilateral, sino a partir del diálogo y la reflexión".

El Obispo Kicanas dijo que la mayor fortaleza del Arzobispo designado Weisenburger como líder en la Diócesis de Tucson fue su actitud abierta a las ideas de los demás.

El Arzobispo designado Weisenburger tiene un don especial para reunir información, evaluar un problema, tomar una decisión y ser capaz de comunicarla de manera clara, llegando a un consenso y logrando que la gente comprenda mejor la situación, dijo el Obispo Kicanas.

"Cuando llegó a Tucson, respetó lo que estaba sucediendo y comenzó a trabajar para que la diócesis siguiera mejorando su misión", explicó el Obispo Kicanas. "Por ejemplo, la diócesis siempre ha sido una diócesis fronteriza; siempre hemos tenido ministerios para personas que solicitan asilo y personas que huyen de la violencia y de la pobreza. Comprendió el trabajo que se venía haciendo y, en los últimos siete años y medio, es un tema que le ha tocado el corazón".

"Yo pienso que el Obispo Weisenburger es el tipo de líder que, al llegar a la Arquidiócesis de Detroit, verá lo que ya está sucediendo y luego se arremangará para seguir trabajando", añadió el Obispo Kicanas.

Elizabeth Bollinger es la directora ejecutiva de la Fundación Católica de la Diócesis de Tucson, la entidad encargada de recaudar fondos de la diócesis, que gestiona los proyectos de campañas de capital y del Llamado Católico Anual en la Diócesis de Tucson.

En los últimos años, Bollinger ha trabajado estrechamente con el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger en campañas de capital para apoyar a parroquias en zonas carenciaas de la diócesis y en la renovación del Centro Newman de la Universidad de Arizona.

"Es realmente fácil trabajar con el Arzobispo Weisenburger y contactarlo siempre que necesitamos algo para la campaña", dijo Bollinger. "Siempre estaba disponible, era muy profesional y, al mismo tiempo, muy accesible. Trabajamos estrechamente para poner en marcha un proyecto para el Centro Newman, y él era un excelente comunicador: abierto, franco y honesto. Lograba convencer a nuestros donantes de por qué el Centro Newman era tan importante y una causa que valía la pena apoyar para nuestra Iglesia".

Bollinger también aprecia el estilo de liderazgo del Arzobispo designado Weisenburger, quien se rodea de personas de confianza en puestos clave y les delega las tareas necesarias para la Iglesia.

"El Arzobispo Weisenburger toma muy buenas elecciones al conformar su equipo", dijo Bollinger. "Sabe rodearse de personas capaces, formar un buen grupo, y confía en él para hacer el trabajo".

Un corazón para los necesitados

Sacerdotes de toda la Diócesis de Tucson destacan que el arzobispo designado Weisenburger es un buen oyente y comprende tanto las alegrías como los desafíos que un sacerdote enfrenta en su ministerio diario. Cuando un sacerdote está hospitalizado o gravemente enfermo, el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger suele visitarlo personalmente, incluso si eso implica conducir durante horas a lo largo de la extensa diócesis.

El obispo designado Weisenburger saluda al Papa Francisco durante una visita "ad limina" a la Santa Sede en 2020. El Arzobispo John C. Wester de Sante Fe, Nuevo México, dijo que el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger encarna el estilo de liderazgo sinodal que el Papa Francisco quiere para la Iglesia.

"Tiene el corazón de un buen pastor. Realmente se preocupa por la gente y su bienestar espiritual", dijo Mons. Greg Adolf, párroco de la St. Andrew the Apostle Parish en Sierra Vista, Arizona, y de la St. Patrick Parish en Bisbee, Arizona.

Mons. Adolf señaló que la pasión del Arzobispo designado Weisenburger por el sacerdocio se refleja en sus encuentros con el clero de la Diócesis de Tucson, que valora su enfoque cálido y pastoral.

"Durante las reuniones con los sacerdotes, siempre nos pregunta cómo estamos; se preocupa mucho por nuestro bienestar espiritual. Quiere que estemos bien porque no se trata de mantener la Iglesia; se trata de buscar formas de avanzar, y sabe que no podemos hacerlo si no nos enriquecemos nosotros mismos, para poder enriquecer a la gente a la que estamos llamados a servir", dijo Mons. Adolf.

En el debate público sobre la política migratoria y la labor de la Iglesia con quienes recién llegan al país, el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger ha procurado centrarse en la realidad concreta y en la misión de la Iglesia, indicó Mons. Adolf.

"Él logra calmar los ánimos en una discusión, y eso lo hace muy accesible", comentó Mons. Adolf. "Comunica claramente los valores que promovemos como Iglesia, la manera en que nos tratamos unos a otros y cómo tratamos a quienes piensan diferente. Creo que eso es lo que lo convierte en un gran líder: es respetuoso y pide la opinión de otros sacerdotes y líderes laicos, y cuando toma una decisión, la explica. Probablemente sea una de las personas más inteligentes que he conocido".

"Creo que la Arquidiócesis de Detroit tiene la bendición de contar con un líder como el Arzobispo Weisenburger", dijo Elena Dwyre, directora ejecutiva de Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. "Lo conozco desde hace dos años, y siempre está disponible, no importa el día ni la hora. Te escucha y hace lo que es mejor. Él es alguien que predica con el ejemplo, y aunque todos estamos felices por Detroit, estamos tristes de verlo partir".

Elena Dwyre, directora ejecutiva de *Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona*, la organización caritativa de la Diócesis de Tucson, se reúne dos veces al mes con el arzobispo designado Weisenburger para mantenerse al tanto de los últimos avances en la organización, incluido el reciente lanzamiento del primer programa de recuperación médica en la región para personas en situación de calle que han sido dadas de alta del hospital.

El centro sirve como un punto de contacto para que las personas reciban apoyo en salud mental y se conecten con servicios sociales que aborden las causas subyacentes de su situación de calle.

"El arzobispo Weisenburger nos brinda un apoyo increíble y comprende la labor que realizamos y el motivo detrás de ella", expresó Dwyre. "Está muy involucrado en garantizar que respaldemos a toda la comunidad de nuestra región, acercándose a todas las parroquias de la diócesis para dar a conocer quiénes somos y los servicios que ofrecemos".

El arzobispo designado Weisenburger se preocupa por «asegurarse de que los más vulnerables reciban ayuda, ya sean adultos mayores sin hogar o niños que sufren abuso en sus hogares», agregó Dwyre. "Está muy comprometido con la inmigración y con el proceso legal del asilo, abordándolo desde una perspectiva humanitaria para garantizar que esas personas reciban la asistencia que necesitan".

Dwyre coincidió con lo que muchos en la Diócesis de Tucson han expresado a *Detroit Catholic*: que la Arquidiócesis de Detroit recibirá a un líder compasivo que comprende la dimensión pastoral necesaria para guiar, gobernar y evangelizar.

Un líder que será profundamente extrañado en el sur de Arizona.

Eventos para recibir al Arzobispo Weisenburger

La Arquidiócesis de Detroit está planeando varios eventos para recibir al Arzobispo designado Edward J. Weisenburger y para celebrar el ministerio del Arzobispo emérito de Detroit, Allen H. Vigneron, en los próximos días y semanas.

El martes 18 de marzo, el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger será instalado como arzobispo de Detroit durante una Misa solemne a las 2 p.m. en la Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament en Detroit. La noche anterior, el Arzobispo designado Weisenburger celebrará las Vísperas en el Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Debido a la capacidad limitada, se invita a los fieles a participar en los eventos de instalación a través de la transmisión en vivo, que será emitida en el sitio web de la Arquidiócesis de Detroit, en Detroit Catholic y en las redes sociales.

Además, el domingo 9 de marzo se celebrará una Misa de acción de gracias a las 11 a.m. en honor al ministerio del Arzobispo emérito Allen H. Vigneron en la *Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament*. El Arzobispo Vigneron también celebrará una Víspera de despedida el domingo 2 de marzo en el *Sacred Heart Major Seminary*.

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Clergy and lay leaders praise Archbishop-designate Weisenburger's preference for collaboration and humanizing decisions

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to know what people are saying, what the priests are saying, what the deacons and their wives are saying, and what the religious and the lay faithful are saying. He listens to them, discerns their input and discerns what the Holy Spirit is saying."

When the bishops of the Southwest get together to discuss the Church's priorities, particularly the plight of migrants and immigrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border and the work of various Catholic organizations to resettle immigrants, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger always feels it is important to frame the Church's position in the Gospel's care for the vulnerable, Archbishop Wester said.

"In our meetings, it is very clear he's concerned with unity," Archbishop Wester said. "Unity has always been close to Archbishop Weisenburger's heart, that sense of people coming together and breaking down the walls of division. When issues came up in the province or in the Church in the United States, he always attends those issues with a sense of how we can work together, how we help others, and how we come together in the community."

A leader who listens

When Archbishop-designate Weisenburger arrived in the Diocese of Tucson after previously serving as bishop of Salina, Kansas, from 2012-17, he didn't know anyone in Tucson, but quickly went to work getting to know his priests and the various leaders of the Church in Arizona, said Bishop Emeritus Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger's predecessor, who still lives in Tucson.

Bishop Kicanas expects it will be similar when he arrives in Detroit.

"He is someone who has a deep interest in building good and positive relationships with his priests," Bishop Kicanas said. "He's very attentive to the priests here, especially those who are struggling or having some challenges, be it illness or anything else. He's very present to them, very interested and concerned for them. He sees his brother priests, deacons, religious and laity as coworkers. He doesn't make decisions unilaterally, but only after discussion and reflection."

Bishop Kicanas said Archbishop-designate Weisenburger's greatest strength as a leader in the Diocese of Tucson has been an openness to the ideas of others.

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger has a knack for taking in information, assessing a situation, making a decision and being able to communicate that decision in a clear manner, building consensus and inviting people to a greater understanding, Bishop Kicanas said.

"When he came to Tucson, he respected what was going on and began to explore ways the diocese could continue to enhance its mission," Bishop Kicanas said. "For instance, the diocese has always been a border diocese; we've always had ministries for asylum seekers and people fleeing violence and escaping poverty. He understood the work that was already happening, and in the past seven and a half years, it's an issue that has become near and dear to his heart."

"I think Bishop Weisenburger is the kind of leader who will look at the Archdiocese of Detroit, see what's already happening, and then roll up his sleeves and continue the work," Bishop Kicanas added.

Elizabeth Bollinger is the executive director of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson, the fundraising arm of the diocese that takes on capital campaign projects and the Annual Catholic Appeal in the Tucson diocese.

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger and members of the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson present a grant to the Tucson Medical Center to help disadvantaged and marginalized people access routine medical care and social services. During his time as bishop of Tucson, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger worked with the Catholic Foundation to raise support for poor, rural parishes in the diocese, as well as nonprofits and ministries caring for the vulnerable.

Over the past several years, Bollinger has worked closely with Archbishop-designate Weisenburger on capital campaigns to support parishes in very poor areas of the diocese and on renewing the Newman Center at the University of Arizona.

"Archbishop Weisenburger is a really easy person to work with; he's very easy to contact whenever we needed something for the campaign," Bollinger said. "He was always available, very professional and yet very approachable. We worked closely to get a project off the ground for the Newman Center, and he had such a great communication style that was open, frank and honest, convincing our donors why the Newman Center was so important and a cause worth supporting for our Church."

Bollinger also appreciates Archbishop-designate Weisenburger's leadership style, putting trusted people in key positions and letting them handle whatever task is needed for the Church.

"Archbishop Weisenburger makes really good hires," Bollinger said. "He gets good people, puts a good team around him, and has the faith and trust in those people to get the job done."

A heart for those in need

Priests across the Diocese of Tucson credit Archbishop-designate Weisenburger with being a good listener and understanding of the joys and challenges a priest experiences in daily ministry. When a priest is in the hospital or is very sick, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger often personally visits, even if it means driving for hours across the vast diocese.

"He's got a shepherd's heart. He really cares about people and their spiritual well-being," said Msgr. Greg Adolf, pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and of St. Patrick Parish in Bisbee, Ariz.

Msgr. Adolf said Archbishop-designate Weisenburger's passion for the priesthood shows in his interactions with clergy of the Tucson diocese, who appreciate his warm, pastoral approach.

"During priests meetings, he's always asking how we are doing; he has a great concern for the spiritual wellbeing of priests. He wants us to be well because he isn't about maintaining the Church; he's about looking at ways we can go forward, and he knows we can't do that if we're not enriched ourselves, so we can enrich the people we're called to serve," Msgr. Adolf said.

In the civic discourse surrounding immigration policy and the Church's aid to people who have just arrived in the country, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger has made it a point to focus on the facts on the ground and the mission of the Church, Msgr. Adolf said.

Archbishop Weisenburger celebrates the Chrism Mass in 2023 with the priests of the Diocese of Tucson.

"He takes the temperature down in the room, and that makes him very accessible," Msgr. Adolf said. "He communicates what we value as a Church, how we treat one another, and how we treat those we disagree with. I think that's what makes him a very good leader; he is collegial and asks for the opinions of other priests and lay leaders, and when he makes a decision, he explains the decision. He's probably one of the smartest people I've ever known."

Elena Dwyre, CEO of Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, the charitable arm of the Diocese of Tucson, meets twice a month with Archbishop-designate Weisenburger to keep up with the latest developments in the organization, including its recent opening of the area's first medical respite program for individuals who are experiencing homelessness and have recently been discharged from the hospital.

The center serves as a point of contact for people to receive behavioral health support and connects them to social services to address the underlying causes of their homelessness.

"Archbishop Weisenburger offers incredible support and is understanding of the work we're doing and why we're doing it," Dwyre said. "He's very involved in making sure we support all the community in our area, reaching out to all the parishes in our diocese to let them know who we are and the services we provide."

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger is concerned with "making sure the most vulnerable are getting services, whether it's seniors in the streets who are homeless or children who are being abused at home," Dwyre added. "He is very involved in immigration and helping in the legal process surrounding asylum, looking at it from a humanitarian aspect, making sure those individuals receive the services they need."

Dwyre echoed what many in the Diocese of Tucson told *Detroit Catholic*: that the Archdiocese of Detroit is receiving a compassionate leader who understands the pastoral nature required in order to lead, govern and evangelize.

A leader who will be sorely missed in southern Arizona.

"I think the Archdiocese of Detroit is blessed to have a leader like Archbishop Weisenburger," Dwyre said. "I've known him for two years now, and he is always available to you, no matter the day, no matter the time. He'll listen, and he'll do what's best. He's someone who leads by example, and while we're all happy for Detroit, we're sad to see him go."

Welcoming Archbishop Weisenburger

The Archdiocese of Detroit is planning several events to welcome Archbishop-designate Edward J. Weisenburger and to celebrate the ministry of retiring Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron in the days and weeks ahead.

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger will be installed as Detroit's archbishop during a solemn Mass at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. The night before, Archbishop-designate Weisenburger will celebrate Vespers at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Because of limited capacity, the faithful are invited to take part in the installation events via livestream, which will be broadcast on the Archdiocese of Detroit's website, on *Detroit Catholic*, and on social media.

In addition, a Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 9, in honor of the ministry of Archbishop-emeritus Allen H. Vigneron at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Archbishop Vigneron will also celebrate a farewell Vespers on Sunday, March 2, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

ENTRETENIMIENTO

How Latin talent fared at the Oscars 2025

(aldianews.com)

The 2025th Oscar Awards left some memorable moments for Latino talent in the film industry. Although there were not many victories, there were figures and films with a strong Latino presence that stood out at the March 2 ceremony.

Actress of Dominican and Puerto Rican descent Zoe Saldaña took home the award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in Emilia Perez, a film that captured the Academy's attention for its story and diverse cast. This win marks a milestone in her career and solidifies her place as one of the most influential Latina figures in Hollywood.

Saldaña has built an impressive career with appearances in some of cinema's biggest franchises. She is widely recognized for her role as Neytiri in the Avatar saga, Gamora in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and her performance in the Star Trek franchise. In addition, she recently shined in the series Lioness, where she played Joe, an undercover agent in a story in which she had to develop all her histrionic abilities. Her performance in Lioness demonstrated her versatility and ability to lead projects in both film and television, reaffirming her status as one of the most influential Latina actresses of the moment.

In the Best International Feature Film category, the big winner was I'm Still Here. Her recognition in this category reflects the growing influence of Brazilian cinema and the diversity of stories that are making it to the big screen. Its victory represents a triumph for the expansion of narratives that connect with audiences beyond Hollywood, as the film tells a story associated with high political tension in 1970s Brazil.

The film Emilia Perez also won the Oscar for Best Original Song for "El Mal". This win demonstrates the impact of Latin music in the film industry and how more and more productions are incorporating this element as part of their narrative identity.

Although not all of the Latino nominees were able to win the award, their presence on the shortlists is already a great recognition. Among them is Karla Sofía Gascón, who was nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her role in Emilia Pérez. Although she did not win the statuette, her nomination was a significant moment, as it made her the first

trans woman nominated in this category in the history of the Oscars.

Latin American cinema continues to advance on the global scene, and more and more actors, directors and productions are finding their space in these awards. Although in 2025 the awards for Latin American talent were limited, their presence continues to rise and promises to continue to surprise in the coming years.

Latinas who stole the show with their style at the 2025 Oscars

(hola.com)

After an exhilarating awards season that began in January with the Golden Globes, the grand finale arrives today with the Oscars—the pinnacle of cinematic achievement eagerly awaited by film enthusiasts around the world.

As usual, the presence of Latin talent grows stronger each year, making a significant mark even among this year's Oscar nominees. Notably, Brazilian actress Fernanda Torres is contending for Best Actress, standing shoulder to shoulder with such acclaimed talents as Demi Moore, Cynthia Erivo, Karla Sofía Gascón, and Mikey Madison.

The red carpet also reflected the radiance of Latin stars, brimming with elegance and glamour. Noteworthy appearances by Selena Gomez, Ana de Armas, Adriana Paz, and Penélope Cruz featured them in breathtaking designs that captured the essence of Hollywood's biggest night.

See the Latinas that shined at the 2025 Oscars

Adriana Paz

Selena Gomez

Ana de Armas

Bruna Marquezine

Zoe Saldaña

Penélope Cruz

FOOD AND DRINK

Simple Shrimp Lo Mein

Ingredients
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- 1/2 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 cup broccoli florets
- 1/3 cup carrots, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 6 ounces spaghetti, cooked and warm
- 3 green onions, chopped
- sesame seeds, black and/or white, to taste, for garnish

Ready In:
15 minutes

Step 1 -
In a large skillet over medium-high heat, add 1 tablespoon of the oil.

Step 2 -
Add the shrimp, the green bell peppers, the red bell peppers, the broccoli florets, and the carrots to the heated oil and cook until the shrimp reaches an internal temperature of 145 degrees F and the veggies are tender, about 5-7 minutes.

Step 3 -
In a bowl, whisk the soy sauce, the brown sugar, the remaining oil, the cold water, and the cornstarch together.

Step 4 -
Pour the sauce over the shrimp mixture and bring to a boil.

Step 5 -
Reduce the heat to a simmer.

Step 6 -
Stir the cooked spaghetti and the green onions into the shrimp mixture and cook until all the ingredients are coated in the sauce, about 3-5 minutes.

Step 7 -
Serve the shrimp lo mein garnished with the sesame seeds.

Taco Dump Soup

Ingredients
For the soup:
- 3 cups ground beef, cooked
- 1 1/4 cups onions, diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (1-ounce) envelope ranch dressing mix
- 1 (1-ounce envelope) taco seasoning
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can whole kernel corn
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 3 (15.5-16-ounce) cans pinto beans
- 2 cups water

Optional, for topping:
- sour cream, to taste
- cheddar cheese, to taste, shredded
- cilantro, to taste
- green onions, to taste, chopped

Ready In:
6 hours and 5 minutes

Step 1 -
In a slow cooker, add the cooked beef, the onions, the salt, the black pepper, the ranch dressing mix, the taco seasoning, the corn and its liquid, the diced tomatoes and their juices, the diced tomatoes with green chilies and their juices, the pinto beans and their liquid, and the water and stir to combine.

Step 2 -
Cover the slow cooker and cook on low until the flavors meld together, about 6-8 hours.

Step 3 -
Serve topped with the sour cream, the cheddar cheese, the cilantro, and the green onions.

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This past Saturday, the Detroit City FC indoor womens soccer defeated Iowa Demon Hawks, 10 - 0, at the Detroit City Fieldhouse, for their final home game of the season. The Detroit City FC indoor womens team have two away games left in the season, they travel to take on Kalamazoo United FC, on Saturday, March 8th, at 7:30 pm, then Indiana United FC, on Saturday, March 15th at 7:00 pm, for their final game of the season.

Photos below are highlights from the DCFC vs Iowa Demon Hawks

Fatima Nasser (#91) anticipates a pass from an Iowa Demon Hawk forward

Amanda Britain (#23) celebrates her late game goal

Katie Coleman (#8) fights of an attacking Iowa Demon Hawk defender

Amanda Britain (#23) leads DCFC into the crowd to show thanks to the club supporters during the final home game of the regular season

Fans watch along the boards as DCFC makes a shot on goal

Ania Dow (#20) fights for possession of the ball along the boards in the fourth quarter against an Iowa Demon Hawk defender

Let's Get It Started!

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SPORTS

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Coming off a terrific 2024 regular season, Detroit City FC kicks off 2025 with the same opponent who closed out the last regular season at Keyworth Stadium. Coach Danny Dichio will take his team to Miami to open the 2025 season. Le Rouge has revamped and expanded its roster from last year, knowing that to repeat or improve on its record will require additional resources. The team finished with the fourth best overall record out of the twenty-four teams in the USL Championship.

It's hard to gauge what kind of performance the team will give on Saturday. DCFC's preseason opposition consisted primarily of out of season college teams. They did spend a week in sunny Arizona, so the warmth of Miami won't be unfamiliar. What may be unfamiliar though are a few new faces in the team and a lot of players facing them. Last year, DCFC easily beat Miami home and away, scoring seven goals and conceding none. Le Rouge can't expect last year's league worst team to be as generous this time around.

A number of key players left DCFC after the disappointing playoff loss to the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Maxi Rodriguez, such an important player for several years, joined the Eastern Conference playoff champion Rhode Island FC. Striker Elvis Amoh joined regional rival Indy XI. Midfielders James Murphy and Ryan Williams did not sign again. Goalkeeper and club legend Nate Steinwascher retired. Their departures and the those of players who were at the club on loan opened up a number of roster spots.

Director of Football Trevor James and coach Danny Dichio spent the winter recruiting. They brought in a number of intriguing talents from lower leagues, the USL Championship, and abroad. Most of the gaps were in midfield and up front. To support forward Ben Morris, high-scoring South African forward Darren Smith has moved to Detroit from the Finnish first division. If he can keep up his pace of scoring at better than once every three games (28 goals in 72 games), that will take pressure off Morris and give the team two double digit scorers. Senegalese forward Ates Diouf has come on loan from Lexington SC, after scoring 15 and 10 goals the last two years in USL League One.

Having lost most of the midfield from last year, that area of the field received a lot of attention. Former Michigan State star and Canadian international Jay Chapman will be the most recognizable signing. He is a deep-lying playmaker who could free returning veteran Abdoulaye Diop to step into the attack more often. Japanese midfielder Haruki Yamazaki joins from USL League One after a season in Colorado. Canadian Marcello Polisi, and the soon to be announced Sebastien Guenzatti bring additional experience at this level. Dominic Gasso has also returned from his loan to MLS Next. The numbers are there, but Dichio will have to sort out his selection and configuration.

The league announced its national television schedule this week. DCFC will be on twice. ESPN2 will carry the home game against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds on July 18 and CBS Sports Network will have the away game at North Carolina FC. All 24 league teams will have at least one nationally televised with 18 being featured multiple times. The USL Championship final will be on CBS, the main network, on November 22. That date is a long way off, but remains the ultimate goal for Le Rouge.

The USL Championship will have 30 regular season games. The teams will also compete with USL League One in the Jagermeister League Cup that will include 4 group matches before the elimination rounds. DCFC will also join the Lamar Hunt US Open Cup during the third round in April, knowing that the first match will be a home game. All this makes for a busy summer at Keyworth. Off the field, the team will be moving forward with the new stadium project announced last year. The club intends to move into the new stadium in 2027. That will be a seminal moment in the history of the club and soccer in Detroit.

Detroit City Womens announce schedule !!!

DETROIT — The Detroit City Football Club and the USL W League announced their schedules for the 2025 women's outdoor season. This is Detroit City FC's fourth season in the USL W League. Last season, Le Rouge was defeated in the National Semifinal after winning the league's Central Conference final over Indy Eleven.

For 2025, Detroit City Football Club has been placed into the USL W League's Great Lakes Division under the umbrella of the Central Conference, setting up home-and-away matchups with AFC Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo FC, Midwest United FC, Toledo Villa FC, and Union FC Macomb.

Toledo Villa FC and Union FC Macomb are expansion clubs for the 2025 USL W League season, but both have fielded teams in USL League Two in past years. Longtime fans of Detroit City FC will remember Toledo Villa FC from the 2019 National Premier Soccer League Season when Toledo finished 7th in the Great Lakes Division, which Detroit City FC won in Trevor James' first year as head coach of the then-amateur men's side.

Detroit City FC kicks off its USL W League season on Saturday, May 17, on the road to AFC Ann Arbor. On Saturday, May 24, at 7 PM, it will welcome Union FC Macomb to Keyworth Stadium for the USL W League Home Opener. This match is part of a doubleheader with the USL Championship side, which kicks off at 4 PM that afternoon against the Charleston Battery.

Last season was Detroit City FC's best since forming a women's first-team in 2020, with Le Rouge playing to a record of 12-2-1, its only loss coming in the national semifinal match against Colorado Storm FC. Detroit City FC went ahead 1-0, with its foot in the final before Colorado Storm scored two second-half goals to come out victorious, booking their spot in the national final where they lost to NC Courage U23.

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Further announcements regarding the USL W League side will be made in the coming weeks.

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The full schedule is as follows:

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5/31/2025 – vs. Midwest United FC – 7 PM
6/7/2025 – vs. Kalamazoo FC – 7 PM
6/11/2025 – at Union FC Macomb
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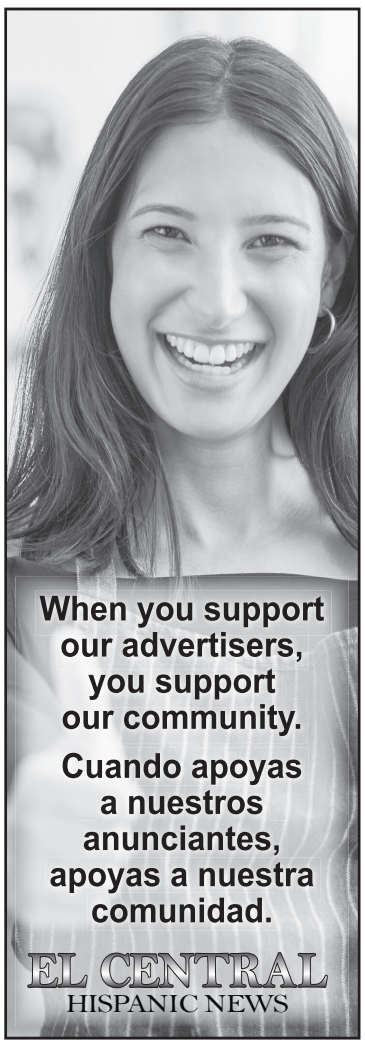
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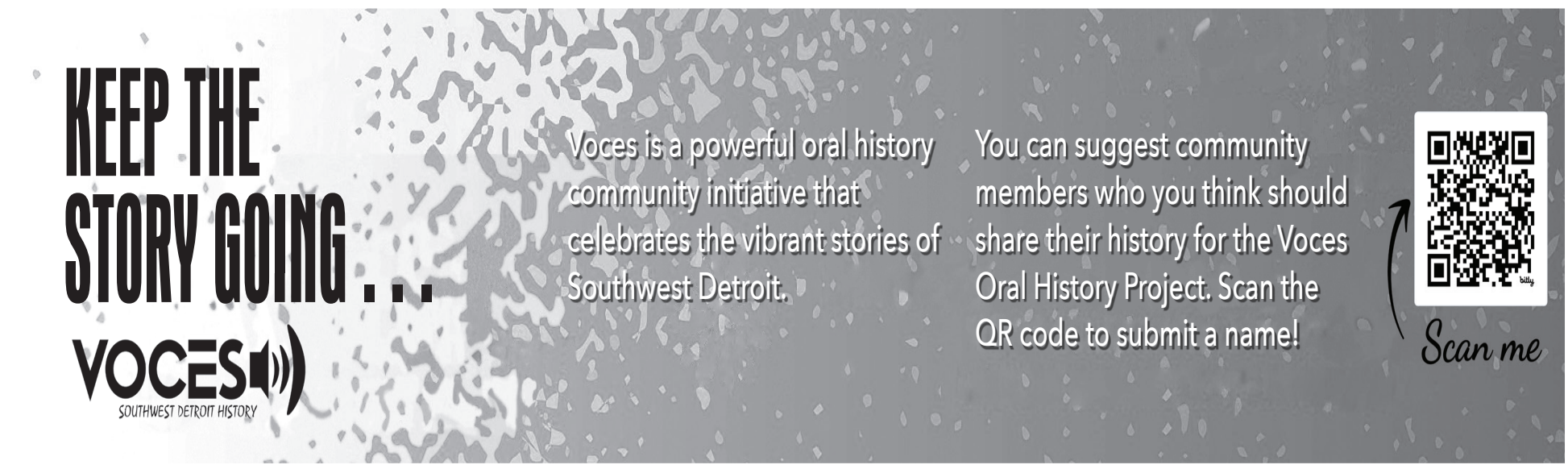
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EDITORIAL OPINION

Protege a tus niños con un acto de amor

Por José López Zamorano
Para La Red Hispana

Muchas veces se olvida el impacto más profundo de las deportaciones: los niños.

En el país, hay 5.4 millones de niños ciudadanos estadounidenses cuyos padres son indocumentados.

Para estas familias, la amenaza de una deportación no solo es una preocupación diaria, sino un riesgo real que puede dejar a los niños en el limbo legal si no hay un plan de respaldo.

Ante esta realidad, la organización World Voices Media, en asociación con HCN Global, lanzó esta semana una oportuna campaña nacional llamada "Protege a tus Niños".

La campaña, lanzada en televisión, radio, canales digitales y redes sociales, busca ayudar a millones de padres inmigrantes a tomar medidas proactivas para designar un tutor y mantener a sus hijos fuera del sistema de cuidado temporal.

El proceso es simple y no requiere de un abogado. Las reglas varían según el estado, pero en casi todos sólo se requiere elegir a un pariente o amigo de confianza que sea ciudadano estadounidense o residente legal permanente.

La campaña recomienda presentarlos a sus hijos para asegurarse que se sientan cómodos y seguros, así como tener un plan de acción en caso que los padres sean detenidos.

A través de un spot de video que empezó a circular esta semana, la campaña sugiere a los padres escribir el nombre y el número de teléfono del tutor dentro de los zapatos de sus hijos para que puedan comunicarse si es necesario.

De la misma forma recomienda agregar el nombre del tutor a su registro escolar como un adulto con autoridad para recoger a sus hijos, cuando sea necesario.

En el sitio protegeatusninos.com, la campaña pone a disposición de los interesados el formulario de poder notarial o de tutor.

En algunos estados, solo los padres del menor firman, en otros, el tutor también debe firmar el formulario, los cuales deben ser notariados, un proceso sencillo que se puede completar con el notario de un banco.

La campaña facilita asimismo enlaces a organizaciones que pueden ayudar a los interesados con los formularios de tutoría y asistencia legal.

Designar un tutor no significa rendirse ni aceptar la separación familiar como destino, sino todo lo contrario: es un acto de amor y previsión. Es una manera de asegurarse de que, pase lo que pase, los hijos estarán en buenas manos.

En tiempos inciertos, la mejor protección que los padres pueden brindar a sus hijos es la planificación. Porque, aunque las políticas migratorias cambien, el deber de un padre de proteger a sus niños siempre permanece.

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Protect your children with an act of love

By José López Zamorano
For La Red Hispana

The most profound impact of deportations is often forgotten: children.

There are 5.4 million U.S. citizen children in the country whose parents are undocumented.

For these families, the threat of deportation is not only a daily concern, but a real risk that can leave children in legal limbo if there is no backup plan.

Faced with this reality, the organization World Voices Media, in partnership with HCN Global, launched a timely national campaign this week called "Protect Your Children."

The campaign, launched on television, radio, digital channels and social media, seeks to help millions of immigrant parents take proactive steps to appoint a guardian and keep their children out of the foster care system.

The process is simple and does not require an attorney. Rules vary by state, but in almost all states, you only need to choose a trusted relative or friend who is a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

The campaign recommends introducing them to their children to make sure they feel comfortable and safe, as well as having a plan of action in case the parents are detained.

Through a video spot that began circulating this week, the campaign suggests that parents write the guardian's name and phone number inside their children's shoes so they can contact them if necessary.

It also recommends adding the guardian's name to their school record as an adult with authority to pick up their children, when necessary.

On the website protegeatusninos.com, the campaign makes the power of attorney or guardian form available to those interested.

In some states, only the parents of the minor sign, in others, the guardian must also sign the form, which must be notarized, a simple process that can be completed by a bank notary.

The campaign also provides links to organizations that can help those interested with the guardianship and legal assistance forms.

Appointing a guardian does not mean giving up or accepting family separation as fate, but quite the opposite: it is an act of love and foresight. It is a way to ensure that, no matter what happens, the children will be in good hands.

In uncertain times, the best protection parents can provide their children is planning. Because even if immigration policies change, a parent's duty to protect their children always remains.

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SPECIAL WORLD'S CULTURES

Honduras

Honduras is one of the largest countries in Central America, behind Nicaragua. It has beaches on both the Caribbean-Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It borders Guatemala and El Salvador to the north and Nicaragua to the south.

It is known for its green jungle ecosystems, its beaches and its famous archaeological and ceremonial site Copán, built by the ancient Mayan culture.

Its culture is diverse as it has been inhabited by different cultures in addition to the Spanish-speaking mestizos, each with their own language, customs, traditions, culture, history and, of course, identity. The recognized peoples are: Lencas, Pech, Tawahkas, Tolupanes, Maya-Chortis, Garifunas, Isleños, Misquitos, Nahuas.

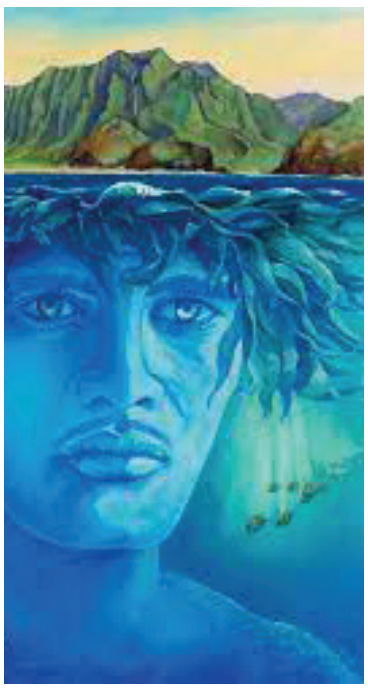
Honduran society is known for its joy and vitality. The costumes for some of their folkloric dances may have long skirts with double flounces to be able to color the theaters with their various colors, or to represent their homeland with the colors white and blue.

Lenca Legend of Tangaloa

Our story says that a long time ago, in ancient times, a child was born in Tangolona with great powers. The child was very wise and performed miracles, but unfortunately, the child was born with defects in his body. It was said that the child was born with several legs, so his parents kept him in their house and did not allow him to go outside and play with other children in the community.

One time, the child became deathly ill and moments before dying, the Moon asked him if he had a last wish. The child told the Moon that he had always wanted to see the sea and that if she allowed him, he wanted to enter the sea before dying. The Moon granted his wish and turned him into an octopus. Since then, Tangaloa lived in the sea and his home was Jawairoa.

This guardian of the sea works together with Ti Tanawass (the deity of the sea waters and salt forests, which in the Taulepa language are called Niangas) to keep the waves within their limits and to keep marine animals under protection. They also assist sailors on the high seas. For this reason, the Lencas do not consume octopus in their diet.



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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO,
by Mariana Ayón RV

Argentina Díaz Lozano

herself Argentina Díaz Lozano, as she was known in literature. She studied in Honduras, the United States, and later at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, an institution that, through the Faculty of Humanities, awarded her the honorary degree of Bachelor of Journalism.

She directed the Academia Moderna in Tegucigalpa between 1940 and 1943. She collaborated in various newspapers such as El Diario de Centroamérica, El Imparcial, Prensa Libre and La Hora; in the las two she had a column called Jueves Literarios. Her work in general consists of two stories, twelve novels, essays and newspaper articles. In 1959 and 1964 two of her novels were published in French.

She won several awards, including first place in the Latin American Novel Contest (1942-1943) for "Peregrinaje," awarded by the Pan-American Union in Washington, as well as the "Ramón Rosa" National Literature Prize (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1968) and the Cruzeiro Do Sud Prize in Brazil in 1968. In 1974, the Swedish Academy accepted her as a candidate for the Nobel Prize in literature.

Her life and writings are a continuous narration of the details of a woman who fights for both her civil and gender rights. In 1956, she published her novel "49 Days in the Life of a Woman" in Mexico, which could be described as "49 Days of Happiness", owes its original name and the respective subtitle, because the plot takes place between May 16 and July 3, 1954. Although she never indicates the name of the main character, "She", nor that of her autumn love, "He", the reader will not lose interest in knowing what the truth is that our illustrious lady will explain to everyone, especially to her family, of whom it is not known if it is made up of a husband and children, she maintains the suspense by leaving many gaps in the plot so that the reader can build assumptions, which are later surprised. "She" is a widowed woman who decides to start her life over with a partner, "He", whom in the novel she only sees furtively, in friends' houses, cafes in the city center or, in Cerrito del Carmen where the story ends. In some verses of a poem dedicated to the city of Antwerp, Belgium, she describes a farewell that is like a funeral song: "Bells of Antwerp! Sweetest and most evocative bells! I will never be able to forget you and I beg you to ring at the hour of my physical end, so that, listening to you, my spirit will rise to heaven!"

Argentina Díaz Lozano, died in 1999 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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ESPECIAL CULTURAS DEL MUNDO

Honduras

Honduras es uno de los países más grandes de Centroamérica, detrás de Nicaragua. Cuenta con playas en el Mar Caribe-Atlántico como en el Pacífico. Colinda con Guatemala y El Salvador al norte y con Nicaragua al sur.

Es conocido por sus ecosistemas selváticos llenos de verdor, sus playas y su famoso sitio arqueológico y ceremonial Copán, construido por la antigua cultura maya.

Su cultura es diversa pues ha sido habitado por diferentes culturas además de los mestizos hispanoparlantes, los cuales, cada uno con su propio idioma, costumbres, tradiciones, cultura, historia propia y, por supuesto, identidad. Los pueblos reconocidos son: Lencas, Pech, Tawahkas, Tolupanes, Maya-Chortis, Garifunas, Isleños, Misquitos, Nahuas.

La sociedad Hondureña es conocida por su alegría y vitalidad. Los trajes de algunos de sus bailes folclóricos pueden tener las faldas largas de doble volante para poder colorear los teatros con sus diversos coloridos, o bien, representar a su patria con los colores blanco y azul.

Leyenda Lenca de Tangaloa

Dice nuestra historia que hace mucho tiempo, en la antigüedad, nació en Tangolona un niño dotado de grandes poderes. El niño era muy sabio y hacia milagros, pero desafortunadamente, el niño había nacido con defectos en su cuerpo, se decía que el pequeño había nacido con varias piernas, por lo que sus padres lo mantuvieron en su casa y sin permiso de salir afuera y jugar con otros niños de la comunidad.

Una vez, el niño se enfermó de muerte y momentos antes de morir, la Luna le preguntó que si tenía un último deseo. El niño le dijo a la Luna que siempre había deseado ver el mar y que si ella se lo permitía, él quería entrar al mar antes de morir. La Luna le concedió el deseo y le convirtió en un pulpo. Desde entonces, Tangaloa vivió en el mar y su morada fue Jawairoa.

Este guardián del mar trabaja en conjunto con Ti Tanawass (la deidad de las aguas del mar y los bosques salados que en lengua taulepa se llaman Niangas) para mantener las olas en su límite y mantener los animales marinos bajo protección. Ellos también asisten a los navegantes en alta mar. Por esta razón los Lencas no consumen pulpos en su dieta.

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Argentina Díaz Lozano

Argentina Bueso Mejía nació el 15 de diciembre de 1912 en Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras. Al contraer matrimonio adoptó los apellidos de su marido, haciéndose llamar Argentina Díaz Lozano como fue conocida literariamente. Estudió en Honduras así como en Estados Unidos, y posteriormente en la Universidad de San Carlos, de Guatemala, Institución que a través de la Facultad de Humanidades, le otorgó el título honorario de Licenciado en Periodismo.

Dirigió la Academia Moderna de Tegucigalpa entre 1940 y 1943. Colaboró en distintos diarios como El Diario de Centroamérica, El Imparcial, Prensa Libre y La Hora; en los dos últimos tuvo una columna llamada Jueves Literarios. Su obra en general consiste de dos cuentos, doce novelas, ensayos y artículos de prensa. En 1959 y 1964 aparecieron publicadas en francés dos de sus novelas.

Obtuvo varios premios, entre ellos, el primer lugar en el Concurso Latinoamericano de Novela (1942-1943) con "Peregrinaje", otorgado por la Unión Panamericana de Washington, también el Premio Nacional de Literatura "Ramón Rosa" (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1968), Premio Cruzeiro Do Sud de Brasil en 1968. En 1974 la Academia Sueca la aceptó como candidata al Premio Nobel de literatura.

Su vida y sus escritos son una continua narración de los pormenores de una mujer que lucha tanto por sus derechos civiles como de género. En 1956, publicó en México su novela *"49 días en la vida de una mujer"*, que se podría describir como "49 días de felicidad", debe su nombre original y el respectivo subtítulo, porque la trama se desarrolla entre el 16 de mayo y 3 de julio de 1954. Aunque nunca indica el nombre del personaje principal, "Ella", ni el de su amor otoñal, "Él", el lector no perderá el interés de saber en qué consiste la verdad que nuestra ilustre dama explicará a todos, especialmente a su familia de quien no se sabe si está integrada por un esposo e hijos, mantiene el suspenso al dejar muchos huecos en la trama que el lecor puede construir suposiciones, que posteriormente son sorprendidas. "Ella" es una mujer viuda que decide volver a empezar su vida con una pareja, "Él", a quien en la novela sólo ve furtivamente, en casas de amigas, cafeterías del centro de la ciudad o bien, en el Cerrito del Carmen donde concluye la historia.

En algunos versos de un poema dedicado a la ciudad de Amberes, Bélgica, describe una despedida que supone un canto fúnebre: "¡Campanas amberenses! ¡Dulcísimas y evocadoras campanas! Yo no podré olvidaros nunca y os ruego que repiquéis en la hora de mi final corpóreo, para que escuchándoos mi espíritu remonte al cielo!"

Argentina Díaz Lozano, falleció en el año 1999 en Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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